

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An information processing apparatus having a first insertion/removal portion capable of inserting/removing a first recording medium and at least
5 reading out electronic information from the inserted first recording medium, a second insertion/removal portion capable of inserting/removing a second recording medium and reading out and writing electronic information from and in the inserted second recording medium, and an operating
10 member which is connected to the first and second insertion/removal portions so as to be able to exchange electronic information and starts an operation of reading out electronic information recorded on the first recording medium and writing the electronic information in the second
15 recording medium, comprising:

control means for controlling exchange of electronic information in the information processing apparatus; and

expression means for expressing an operation state of the information processing apparatus,

20 wherein when a state in which a recording medium is inserted into at least one of the first and second insertion/removal portions and electronic information can be read out or written is detected, said expression means performs expression operation of the state.

25 2. An information processing apparatus having a first insertion/removal portion capable of inserting/removing a first recording medium and at least

reading out electronic information from the inserted first recording medium, a second insertion/removal portion capable of inserting/removing a second recording medium and reading out and writing electronic information from and in
5 the inserted second recording medium, and an operating member which is connected to the first and second insertion/removal portions so as to be able to exchange electronic information and starts an operation of reading out electronic information recorded on the first recording
10 medium and writing the electronic information in the second recording medium, comprising:

control means for controlling exchange of electronic information in the information processing apparatus; and

expression means for expressing an operation state of
15 the information processing apparatus,

wherein when a state in which electronic information cannot be read out from or written in a recording medium inserted in at least one of the first and second insertion/removal portions is detected, said expression
20 means performs expression operation of the state.

3. An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said expression means includes a display device, and the expression operation includes transfer of a visual message to a user.

25 4. An apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said expression means includes a display device, and the expression operation includes transfer of a visual message

to a user.

5. An apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the display device includes a monitor which displays a message.

6. An apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the
5 display device includes a monitor which displays a message.

7. An apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the display device includes an LED.

8. An apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the display device includes an LED.

10 9. An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said expression means includes a sound generating device, and the expression operation includes transfer of an auditory message to a user.

10. An apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said
15 expression means includes a sound generating device, and the expression operation includes transfer of an auditory message to a user.

11. An apparatus according to claim 9, wherein the sound generating device includes a loudspeaker.

20 12. An apparatus according to claim 10, wherein the sound generating device includes a loudspeaker.

13. An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein
the operating member is operated to output to said control means a signal for starting the operation of
25 reading out electronic information recorded on the first recording medium and writing the electronic information in the second recording medium, and

said control means ignores the signal from the operating member until said control means detects that a recording medium is inserted into at least one of the first and second insertion/removal portions and electronic
5 information can be read out or written.

14. An apparatus according to claim 2, wherein
the operating member is operated to output to said control means a signal for starting the operation of reading out electronic information recorded on the first
10 recording medium and writing the electronic information in the second recording medium, and

said control means ignores the signal from the operating member until said control means detects that a recording medium is inserted into at least one of the first
15 and second insertion/removal portions and electronic information can be read out or written.

15. An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein
the operating member is operated to output to said control means a signal for starting the operation of
20 reading out electronic information recorded on the first recording medium and writing the electronic information in the second recording medium, and

said control means ignores the signal from the operating member after said control means detects that a
25 recording medium is inserted into at least one of the first and second insertion/removal portions and electronic information cannot be read out or written.

16. An apparatus according to claim 2, wherein

the operating member is operated to output to said control means a signal for starting the operation of reading out electronic information recorded on the first recording medium and writing the electronic information in
5 the second recording medium, and

said control means ignores the signal from the operating member after said control means detects that a recording medium is inserted into at least one of the first
10 and second insertion/removal portions and electronic information cannot be read out or written.